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Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy. The Atlas will provide critical information needed for the planning and design of several important stream and wetland restoration projects in the Napa River watershed.

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Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
Coastal Conservancy  
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By Facsimile: (510) 286-0470

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I urge your support for the San Francisco Estuary Institute funding request for \$25,000 to help develop the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas*, which will provide critical information needed to plan stream and wetland restoration projects in the Napa River watershed.

The Atlas will synthesize the diverse historical data developed through the Napa River Watershed Historical Ecology Study. This multi-year effort has compiled baseline data on the landscape dating back to Napa's frontier past. With dozens of rarely seen historical photographs and maps, the Atlas will show historical watershed and habitat functions to a wide audience. The publication will be placed within local libraries and schools, incorporated within environmental education efforts undertaken by community advocacy organizations, and disseminated to Napa's leaders in government and business for use in their planning processes.

The ultimate goal of this effort is to build a better understanding of native landscapes and the changes that have shaped subsequently them in Napa. In a community so highly motivated to protect and manage its natural resources, the expansive knowledge contained in the Atlas will inspire more effective stewardship, restoration efforts, and conservation planning.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

NOREEN EVANS  
Assemblymember, 7<sup>th</sup> District

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cc: Betsy Wilson, State Coastal Conservancy  
Rainer Hoenicke, San Francisco Estuary Institute



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Exhibit 4: Letters of Support  
**California Regional Water Quality Control Board**  
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Chairman Douglas Bosco  
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Subject: Letter of Support for *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas*

Honorable Chairman Bosco,

It is my pleasure to express support for the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas*. Our agency looks forward to using this resource both to: a) educate the public and policy makers regarding the importance of site-specific attributes in developing habitat restoration projects in the Napa Valley; and b) guide restoration planning along the mainstem of the Napa River.

The Napa River supports an exceptionally diverse assemblage of native fishes, and has the potential to support a self-sustaining fall-run of Chinook salmon. The atlas will enhance public understanding and support for restoration efforts, and provide important insights regarding how the river works. Thank you for your consideration of this project, and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Mike Napolitano,

# Friends of the Napa River

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March 5, 2008

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy. The Atlas will provide critical information needed for the planning and design of several important stream and wetland restoration projects in the Napa River watershed.

The *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* will synthesize the diverse historical data developed through the multiyear Napa River Watershed Historical Ecology Study. This innovative, multiyear effort has been carried out by SFEI, the Napa County Resource Conservation District, and the Friends of Napa River, with the support of the Napa Valley Vintners Association, the CALFED Watershed Program, and the State Water Resources Control Board. Numerous local volunteers and longtime residents have contributed their time and knowledge to the project.

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In addition to its benefits for natural resource restoration in this important coastal watershed, this information will also be directly useful to the development of a management strategy for the Napa River watershed and for selecting indicators for assessing watershed health. The Atlas would provide Friends of the Napa River with technical background to support our work in reviewing projects along the Napa River and throughout the watershed. It will provide materials for our local school watershed education programs and for our public education and awareness efforts. The Atlas will celebrate the natural heritage of Napa Valley, providing common ground for our community.

Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,



Bernhard Krevet  
President, Friends of the Napa River



HILLARY GITELMAN  
Director

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PATRICK LOWE  
Deputy Director

March 6, 2008

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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### RE: Napa Historical Ecology Atlas – Grant Proposal by the San Francisco Estuary Institute

Dear Mr. Bosco,

It is our understanding that the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) has submitted a grant proposal to the California Coastal Conservancy entitled *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas*. The proposed *Atlas* will provide essential information needed for the planning and design of several very important stream and wetland restoration projects in the Napa River watershed, and will support a number of ongoing efforts related to our watershed programs here in Napa County.

The *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* will synthesize the diverse historical data developed through a multiyear Napa River Watershed Historical Ecology Study into a useful and informative format. This innovative, multiyear study has been carried out by SFEI, the Napa County Resource Conservation District, and the Friends of Napa River, with the support of the Napa Valley Vintners Association, the CALFED Watershed Program, and the State Water Resources Control Board. Numerous local volunteers and longtime residents have also contributed their time and knowledge to the project.

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The Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) Board of Napa County is an advisory board to the County Board of Supervisors and serves as a conduit for citizen input by gathering, analyzing and recommending options related to the management of watershed resources. In that capacity, the WICC makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to watershed restoration projects and resource protection activities, coordination of land acquisition, and development of a long-term watershed resource management program providing public outreach and education, monitoring coordination, inventory and assessment, and data management.

The *Atlas* supports the WICC's mission to educate and support the community's efforts to maintain and improve the health of the County's watershed lands. Furthermore, the *Atlas* will provide key

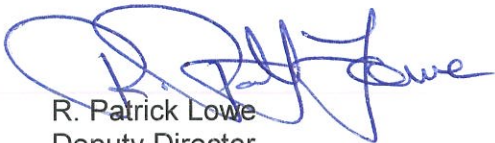
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informational and interactive mapping components to the WICC's online mapping services. The information contained in the Atlas will also support the WICC's efforts in watershed assessment, restoration planning and prioritization.

In addition to its benefits for successful natural resource restoration in this keystone coastal watershed, this information will also be directly useful in the future development of watershed management strategies for the Napa River watershed and will be a touchstone for selecting key indicators for assessing long-term watershed health. The *Atlas* will also celebrate the natural heritage of Napa Valley, providing materials for a number of school watershed education programs, the upcoming Napa County Watershed Symposium in May 2008, as well as for the broader community.

Thank you for your consideration of the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* grant proposal by SFEI. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (707)259-5937, [rlope@co.napa.ca.us](mailto:rlope@co.napa.ca.us), or Jeff Sharp at (707)259-5936, [jsharp@co.napa.ca.us](mailto:jsharp@co.napa.ca.us) in our office.

Sincerely,



R. Patrick Lowe  
Deputy Director,  
Conservation, Development & Planning Dept  
Secretary to the WICC Board  
Napa County





**Napa County Regional Park  
and Open Space District**

John Woodbury  
General Manager

February 28, 2008

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor  
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RE: Support for SFEI's grant proposal for the Napa Historical Ecology Atlas Project

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy.

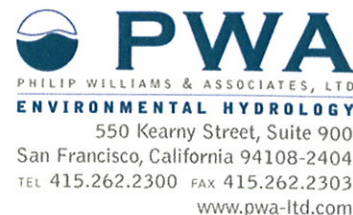
The *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* is a cooperative effort of SFEI, the Napa County Resource Conservation District, and the Friends of Napa River, with the support of the Napa Valley Vintners Association, the CALFED Watershed Program, and the State Water Resources Control Board. It will synthesize diverse historical data developed through the multiyear Napa River Watershed Historical Ecology Study.

The Atlas will provide information important to numerous local restoration and recreation projects. Of particular interest to the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District will be data on the historical and current valley oak woodland coverage in the Napa Valley—data which is needed for Napa County to complete its Oak Woodland Management Plan. Also useful to the District will be the materials the Atlas will provide for watershed education programs for schools and the general public.

Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal.

Sincerely,

John Woodbury



February 28, 2008

Douglas Bosco  
Chairman of the Board  
California Coastal Conservancy  
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Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mr. Bosco,

I am writing to express my support for the *Napa Historical Ecology Atlas* proposal submitted by the San Francisco Estuary Institute to the California Coastal Conservancy. As someone who is involved in restoring habitat for Chinook salmon and Steelhead trout in the Napa Valley I am frequently constrained by the lack of good historic information on what 'reference' conditions previously existed, and on how much the current system has changed. The Atlas will provide timely and critical information needed for the planning and design of several important stream and wetland restoration projects in the Napa River watershed, and will contribute to the recovery of endangered and listed aquatic species.

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PWA is currently working with the California Land Stewardship Institute to design a restoration plan for the 9 mile Oakville-Oak Knoll reach of the Napa River. Information in the proposed Atlas about historical channel geometry, side channel alignments, and riparian characteristics will be directly useful to the identification of restoration opportunities, strategies, and design details and will help make this project a success.

Thank you for the consideration of this important proposal: I look forward to using this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Collison', is written over the typed name.

Dr. Andrew Collison  
Principal  
Philip Williams & Associates